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Abortion-rights protesters demonstrate outside the Supreme Court in Washington, Saturday, June 25, 2022.

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In this photo provided by the Ukrainian Emergency Service, first responders work in a damaged residential building in Odesa, Ukraine, early Friday, July 1, 2022, following Russian missile attacks. Ukrainian authorities said Russian missile attacks on residential buildings in the port city of Odesa have killed more than a dozen people. (Ukrainian Emergency Service via AP)

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Abortion, women's rights grow as priorities: AP-NORC poll

By HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new poll finds a growing percentage of Americans calling out abortion or women's rights as priorities for the government in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, especially among Democrats and those who support abortion access.

With midterm elections looming, President Joe Biden and Democrats will seek to capitalize on that shift.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in remarks immediately after the decision that "reproductive freedom is on the ballot in November." But with pervasive pessimism and a myriad of crises facing the nation, it's not clear whether the ruling will break through to motivate those voters — or just disappoint them.

"It does feel like a major setback," said 26-year-old Lauren Nelson of San Diego, who has been worrying about the environment her young niece will grow up in. She doesn't think the midterms will change the course that states are on. "You can't help but feel kind of helpless, as though there's not much that can be done."

Twenty-two percent of U.S. adults name abortion or women's rights in an open-ended question as one of up to five problems they want the government to work on, according to the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.



An abortion-rights activist holds a sign reading "I am not Ovary-Acting," during a protest outside of the U.S. Supreme Court, on June 28, 2022, in Washington.

Associated Press

That's more than doubled since December, when an AP-NORC poll found a notable uptick in mentions of abortion from years before, likely in anticipation of the Dobbs ruling on abortion.

The new poll, which included interviews conducted before and after the Supreme Court's ruling, finds prioritization of the issues grew sharply following the decision.

The Dobbs ruling kicks decision-making on abortion back to states, and in the last week, Republican governors and legislatures have moved to introduce or advance legislation that bans or curtails abortions.

Polling conducted before the decision showed it was unpopular with a majority of Americans, who wanted to see the court leave Roe as is. A majority of Americans support abortion access in general, though many say there should be restrictions. About a third say abortion should be legal in all cases, roughly another third legal in most cases, about a quarter illegal in most cases. About 1 in 10 say it should be illegal in all cases.

Mentions of abortion specifically are not limited to Americans who support abortion rights; instead, the poll shows abortion is named as a priority by roughly a quarter of adults

with hardline opinions on both sides of the issue — those who think abortion should be legal in all cases and those who think abortion should be illegal in all cases.

Earnestine Smith, a 68-year-old resident of Waukegan, Illinois, said the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe represents progress. The issue is one of her highest priorities right now.

"We want abortion abolished and done away with," she said. "We got to stand up and say no."

Still, it's significant that those with the most liberal views on abortion and those with the most conservative views are about equally likely to prioritize the issue; historically, research has shown opponents of abortion have been more likely to consider the issue important to them than those supporting abortion access.

And the new poll finds mentions of women's rights are almost exclusively by those who think abortion should be legal.

According to the poll, the percentage of women prioritizing abortion or women's rights was already higher in interviews conducted before the ruling than six months ago, 21% vs. 9% in December; it swelled to 37% in the days after. Mentions grew sharply among

men, too, but the growth was concentrated in the wake of the ruling, from 6% in interviews conducted before to 21% after.

Lyle Gist said he wouldn't have thought of abortion as a top priority a few years ago. The court decision to overturn Roe, though unsurprising, makes it a major issue.

"I think the ramifications of this are substantial," said 36-year-old Gist of Los Angeles. Gist thinks that there will be ripple effects, including a "mass exodus" of people moving out of states with abortion bans.

In a small town in Louisiana in 1968, when abortion was illegal, Anne Jones carried a pregnancy to term and gave her daughter up for adoption. Jones, now 74 in Plano, Texas, worries about what the Republican Party might go after next — like birth control — and thinks it's hypocritical that lawmakers like Texas Gov. Greg Abbott want to "hold the woman accountable for the child that she may not be able to afford to keep" even as they limit health and social services for women and children.

"Politics in Texas has taken a wrong turn," she said. She wants to see abortion access made national law but remains skeptical that Biden and Democrats can do so.

The poll shows these issues have been increasingly important to Democrats, growing from just 3% in 2020 to 13% in 2021 and now 33%. In interviews before the ruling, 18% of Democrats mentioned abortion or women's rights; that was 42% after.

Among Republicans, 11% identify abortion or women's rights as a priority in the new poll, a modest increase from 5% who said that in December.

Steven Lefemine, who protests outside the Planned Parenthood in Columbia, South Carolina, called Roe's reversal a "major benchmark" but said lawmakers needed to do much more, including pursuing a constitutional amendment to protect unborn children.

"I'd like to see legislation that lives up to God's word," he said.

Biden and Democrats have vowed to fight for abortion access, but they've struggled with how to act given crippling opposition from Republicans in a sharply divided Senate. Biden said to reporters on Thursday that he would support an exception to the filibuster rule to codify Roe into law.

Roderick Hinton, who voted for Biden, wants to see the president move on court reform, saying the court's decisions "are not matching today's time." He was angry after the court overturned Roe — that the older generation is "putting the screws" to younger Americans, including his two daughters.

Biden commissioned a review of the Supreme Court after promising to do so on the campaign trail, a response to rhetoric within the Democratic Party about expanding the court following former President Donald Trump's three conservative appointments. The report released last year exercised caution about proposals to expand the court or set term limits.

"Their lifetime position is really crazy," Hinton said. "As neutral as the courts were, it's now becoming political. Their personal beliefs are being put in place." □

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U.S. announces \$820M in Ukraine aid, including missile systems

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. announced on Friday that it will provide Ukraine with \$820 million in new military aid, including new surface-to-air missile systems and counter-artillery radars to respond to Russia's heavy reliance on long-range strikes in the war. Russia in recent days has launched dozens of missiles across Ukraine and pinned down Ukrainian forces with continuous fire for sometimes hours at a time. Ukraine's leaders have publicly called on Western allies to quickly send more ammunition and advanced systems that will help them narrow the gap in equipment and manpower.

All told, the U.S. has committed more than \$8.8 billion in weapons and military training to Ukraine, whose leaders have sought more help from Western allies to repel larger and heavily equipped Russian forces. About \$7 billion of that aid has been announced since Russia's February invasion.



U.S. Secretary for Defense Lloyd J. Austin III arrives for a meeting of NATO defense ministers at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Associated Press

"We are going to support Ukraine as long as it takes," President Joe Biden said this week at a press conference during the NATO summit in Madrid. He argued that Russia had already suffered a blow to its international standing and major damage to its economy from Western sanctions im-

posed over the invasion. The U.S. is giving Ukrainians "the capacity" so that "they can continue to resist the Russian aggression," Biden said. "And so I don't know how it's going to end, but it will not end with a Russian defeat of Ukraine in Ukraine." Much of the aid formally

announced Friday will take weeks or months to reach Ukraine.

As part of the new package, the U.S. will purchase two systems known as NASAMS, a Norwegian-developed anti-aircraft system that is used to protect the airspace around the White House and Capitol in Wash-

ington. A senior defense official told reporters the NASAMS are intended to help Ukraine transition away from using Soviet-era air defense systems that besides being well known to the Russians have to be repaired with spare parts that are hard to procure. The official briefed reporters on condition of anonymity to discuss military assessments. The Pentagon will also provide the Ukrainians with up to 150,000 rounds of 155-millimeter artillery ammunition. Given the high usage of artillery on both sides, it's unclear how long those new rounds would last. The official declined to say how many estimated rounds Ukraine and Russia are firing daily.

And the Pentagon will also buy four counter-artillery radars for Ukraine. Those new purchases, funded by the Pentagon's Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, require weeks at a minimum for defense companies to build. Ukrainians are also being trained to use the newly provided systems. □

Pre-pandemic sized crowds descend on U.S. airports for holiday

By **DAVID KOENIG**
AP Airlines Writer

The July Fourth holiday weekend is off to a booming start with airport crowds crushing the numbers seen in 2019, before the pandemic.

Travelers seemed to be experiencing fewer delays and canceled flights Friday than they did earlier this week.

The Transportation Security Administration screened more than 2.4 million travelers at airport checkpoints on Thursday, 17% more than on the same Friday before July Fourth in 2019.

"We expect that (Friday) is going to be busy, of course, and then Sunday will be very busy," TSA Administrator David Pekoske said on NBC's "Today" show.

AAA predicts that nearly 48 million people will travel at least 50 miles or more from home over the weekend, slightly fewer than in 2019. AAA says car travel will

set a record even with the national average price for gasoline hovering near \$5. Leisure travel has bounced back this year, and that means particularly big crowds over holidays. With many flights sold out over the July Fourth weekend, airlines will struggle to find seats for passengers whose flights are canceled. Airlines advise customers to check their flight's status before going to the airport. If you're already at the airport when your flight is canceled, "it's time to flex your multitasking skills," said Sebastian Modak, editor-at-large of travel guide publisher Lonely Planet. He advises heading straight to the airline's help desk, checking its app on your phone, and calling the airline's customer-service line — an international number might be answered sooner than a U.S. one for airlines that have both. Modak said driving or tak-

ing the bus or train will often be a better option in the U.S. this summer.

"There's no getting around the fact that this is going to be a summer of travel delays, cancellations, and frustrations," he said.

While vacationers are crowding airports and roadside restaurants, business travel and international flying remain depressed, and the total number of people flying has not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels. TSA screened 11% fewer people in June than it did in the same month of 2019.

Thursday marked the 11th time since the pandemic started that TSA checked more people than it did on the same day in 2019, and just the second time since February.

Airlines could almost surely be carrying more passengers if they had enough staffing. Many U.S. airlines have trimmed their summer



Travelers check in at the Philadelphia International Airport ahead of the Independence Day holiday weekend in Philadelphia, Friday, July 1, 2022.

Associated Press

schedules after bad weather, air-traffic delays and a lack of enough employees caused widespread cancellations over the Memorial Day weekend.

Airline executives blame their flight problems on the Federal Aviation Administration, which runs the nation's air traffic control system, but Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg

disputes that claim.

By mid-afternoon Friday on the East Coast, airlines had canceled more than 350 U.S. flights and another 3,700 were delayed. From June 22 through Wednesday at least 600 flights were canceled, and between 4,000 and 7,000 were delayed per day, according to tracking service FlightAware. □

California sets nation's toughest plastics reduction rules

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— Companies selling shampoo, food and other products wrapped in plastic have a decade to cut down on their use of the polluting material if they want their wares on California store shelves.

Major legislation passed and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday aims to significantly reduce single-use plastic packaging in the state and drastically boost recycling rates for what remains. It sets the nation's most stringent requirements for the use of plastic packaging, with lawmakers saying they hope it sets a precedent for other states to follow.

"We're ruining the planet and we've got to change it," Sen. Bob Hertzberg, a Democrat, said before voting on the bill.

Under the bill, plastic producers would have to reduce plastics in single-use products 10% by 2027, increasing to 25% by 2032. That reduction in plastic packaging can be met through a combination of reducing package sizing, switching to a different material or making the product easily reusable or refill-



Plastic bottles of dish washing liquid are displayed at Compton's Market in Sacramento, Calif., Friday, June 17, 2022.

Associated Press

able. Also by 2032, plastic would have to be recycled at a rate of 65%, a massive jump from today's rates. It wouldn't apply to plastic beverage bottles, which have their own recycling rules.

Efforts to limit plastic packaging have failed in the Legislature for years, but the threat of a similar ballot measure going before voters in November prompted business groups to come to the negotiating table. The measure's three main back-

ers withdrew it from the ballot after the bill passed, though they expressed concern the plastics industry will try to weaken the requirements.

States have passed bans on single-use plastic grocery bags, straws and other items, and plastic water bottles soon won't be allowed in national parks. But the material is still ubiquitous, used in everything from laundry detergent and soap bottles to packaging for vegetables and

lunch meats.

Most plastic products in the United States are not recycled, with millions of tons ending up in landfills and the world's oceans. It harms wildlife and shows up in drinking water in the form of microplastics.

Marine animals that live off the Pacific coast from crabs to whales are ingesting plastics that make their way into the ocean, said Amy Wolfrum, California ocean policy senior manager at the Monterey Bay

Aquarium. She called the bill a "fantastic start" to addressing a major problem.

Plastic makers would form their own industry group tasked with developing a plan to meet the requirements, which would need approval from the state's recycling department. They'll be required to collect \$500 million annually from producers for a fund aimed at cleaning up plastic pollution. Maine, Oregon and Colorado have similar producer responsibility systems.

It does not ban styrofoam food packaging but would require it to be recycled at a rate of 30% by 2028, which some supporters said is a de facto ban because the material can't be recycled. The ballot measure would have banned the material outright. It would have given more power to the state recycling agency to implement the rules rather than letting industry organize itself.

Sen. Ben Allen, a Santa Monica Democrat who led negotiations on the bill, said it represented an example of two groups that are often at odds — environmentalists and industry — coming together to make positive change. □

World War II-era boat emerges from shrinking Lake Mead



A WWII ear landing craft used to transport troops or tanks was revealed on the shoreline near the Lake Mead Marina as the waterline continues to lower at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area on Thursday, June 30, 2022, in Boulder City.

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A sunken boat dating back to World War II is the latest object to emerge from a shrinking reservoir that straddles Ne-

vada and Arizona.

The Higgins landing craft that has long been 185 feet (56 meters) below the surface is now nearly halfway

out of the water at Lake Mead.

The boat lies less than a mile from Lake Mead Marina and Hemingway Harbor.

It was used to survey the Colorado River decades ago, sold to the marina and then sunk, according to dive tours company Las Vegas Scuba.

Higgins Industries in New Orleans built several thousand landing craft between 1942 and 1945, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported. Around 1,500 "Higgins boats" were deployed at Normandy on June 6, 1944, known as D-Day.

The boat is just the latest in a series of objects unearthed by declining water levels in Lake Mead, the largest human-made

reservoir in the U.S., held back by the Hoover Dam. In May, two sets of human remains were found in the span of a week.

Experts say climate change and drought have led to the lake dropping to its lowest level since it was full about 20 years ago.

As water levels drop at both Lake Mead and Lake Powell upstream on the Arizona-Utah line, states in the U.S. West increasingly face deeper cuts to their supply from the Colorado River. The lower levels also impact hydropower produced at Hoover Dam and Glen Canyon Dam, which holds back Lake Powell.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Tonton said last month that the agency would take action

to protect the system if the seven states in the Colorado River basin don't quickly come up with a way to cut the use of up to 4 million acre-feet of water — more than Arizona and Nevada's share combined.

An acre-foot is about 325,850 gallons (about 1.23 million liters). An average household uses one-half to one acre-foot of water a year.

The two states, California and Mexico already have enacted voluntary and mandatory cuts. Water from some reservoirs in the upper basin — Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah — has been released to prop up Lake Powell.

Farmers use a majority of the river's supply. □

International Criminal Court marks 20th anniversary

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The International Criminal Court marked the 20th anniversary of its establishment Friday as its prosecutors probed war crimes in countries around the world, including what one expert called a “make or break” investigation in Ukraine.

The court, long criticized for tackling only crimes in Africa and failed prosecutions of senior leaders in Kenya and Ivory Coast, now has investigations underway in 17 countries, from Afghanistan to Ukraine, although the majority of cases are in Africa.

David Crane, the founding chief prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone that convicted former Liberian President Charles Taylor and others as war criminals, said the Hague-based ICC is a crucial legal institution despite some criticism of its work.

“The ICC is the cornerstone now of how we deal with atrocity crimes at the international level,” Crane told The Associated Press. “With the aggression by the Russian Federation



The exterior view of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, March 31, 2021. Associated Press

against Ukraine, the ICC must be the lead in holding President Vladimir Putin accountable. This is the ICC's moment. They have to get this right.” The court has registered only three war crimes convictions and five for interfering with justice in the 20 years since its founding treaty, the Rome Statute, came into force on July 1, 2002. Without a police force of its own and relying on national authori-

ties to carry out arrests, getting suspects to The Hague has been a problem from the outset and is likely to remain a critical stumbling block to meting out justice. And that justice does not come cheap. The court's budget for 2022 is nearly 155 million euros (\$161 million), and it has spent more than 2.2 billion euros (\$2.3 billion) over its two-decade life.

A total of 123 countries are

members of the court and accept its jurisdiction, but global powers the United States, Russia and China do not. That means that if Prosecutor Karim Khan's investigations in Ukraine lead to charges against Russian suspects, Moscow is not likely to willingly make them available for trial in The Hague.

Friday's anniversary should be a moment to “reflect and to try to refresh the

process of international justice,” Khan said.

“If we work in a collective manner, I am confident that international justice can accelerate and advance and have the required impact,” he added. Human rights organization Amnesty International, however, criticized prosecutors' decisions in recent years including to no investigate alleged crimes by British forces in Iraq and to “deprioritize” a probe into allegations of crimes by U.S. personnel in Afghanistan. Amnesty International's Secretary General Agnès Callamard said that the “glimmer of hope” the ICC's establishment had offered for victims of crimes that the perpetrators would be brought to justice has dimmed.

“But it has appeared to veer off course in recent years, with recent decisions by the ICC Prosecutor raising concerns that the court may be heading towards a hierarchical system of international justice,” she added in a statement that also criticized the prosecution office's move to seek voluntary funding for its Ukraine investigation. □

Julian Assange appeals to UK court against extradition to U.S.

By FRANK GRIFFITHS

LONDON (AP) — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has appealed against the British's government decision last month to order his extradition to the U.S.

The appeal was filed Friday at the High Court, the latest twist in a decade-long legal saga sparked by his website's publication of classified U.S. documents. No further details about the appeal were immediately available.

Assange's supporters staged protests before his 51st birthday this weekend, with his wife Stella Assange among people who gathered outside the Home Office on Friday to call for his release from prison.

Julian Assange has battled in British courts for years to avoid being sent to the U.S., where he faces 17

charges of espionage and one charge of computer misuse.

American prosecutors say the Australian citizen helped U.S. Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning steal classified diplomatic cables and military files that WikiLeaks later published, putting lives at risk.

To his supporters, Assange is a secrecy-busting journalist who exposed U.S. military wrongdoing in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A British court ruled in April that Assange could be sent to face trial in the U.S., sending the case to the U.K. government for a decision. Home Secretary Priti Patel signed an order on June 17 authorizing Assange's extradition.

The Australian government has been under mounting

pressure to intervene, but last month Prime Minister Anthony Albanese rejected calls for him to publicly demand that Washington drop its prosecution of Assange.

Assange's supporters and lawyers maintain he was acting as a journalist and is entitled to First Amendment protections of freedom of speech. They argue that the case is politically motivated, that he would face inhumane treatment and be unable to get a fair trial in the U.S.

Assange remains in London's high-security Belmarsh Prison, where he has been since he was arrested in 2019 for skipping bail during a separate legal battle. Before that, he spent seven years inside the Ecuadorian Embassy in London to avoid extradition to Swe-



Buildings are reflected in the window as WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is taken from court, where he appeared on charges of jumping British bail seven years ago, in London, Wednesday May 1, 2019.

Associated Press

den to face allegations of rape and sexual assault. Sweden dropped the sex crimes investigations in November 2019 because so

much time had elapsed, but British judges have kept Assange in prison pending the outcome of the extradition case. □

Russian missiles kill at least 21 in Ukraine's Odesa region

By **FRANCESCA EBEL**

Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine (AP)

— A Russian airstrike on residential areas killed at least 21 people early Friday near the Ukrainian port of Odesa, authorities reported, a day after the withdrawal of Moscow's forces from an island in the Black Sea had seemed to ease the threat to the city.

Video of the attack before daybreak showed the charred ruins of buildings in the small town of Serhiivka, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) from Odesa. The Ukrainian president's office said warplanes fired three missiles that struck an apartment building and a campsite.

Ukrainian authorities interpreted the attack as payback for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Snake Island a day earlier, though Moscow portrayed their departure as a "goodwill gesture" to help unblock exports of grain.

Russian forces took control of the island in the opening days of the war in the apparent hope of using it as a staging ground for an assault on Odesa, Ukraine's biggest port and the headquarters of its navy.

"The occupiers cannot win on the battlefield, so they



In this photo provided by the Odesa Regional Prosecutor's Office, a damaged residential building is seen in Odesa, Ukraine, early Friday, July 1, 2022, following Russian missile attacks.

Associated Press

resort to vile killing of civilians," said Ivan Bakanov, head of Ukraine's security service, the SBU.

"After the enemy was dislodged from Snake Island, he decided to respond with the cynical shelling of civilian targets."

Large numbers of civilians were killed in Russian bombardments earlier in the war, including at a hospital, a theater used as a shelter,

and a train station. Until this week, mass casualties involving residents appeared to become less frequent as Moscow concentrated on capturing eastern Ukraine's Donbas region.

Russian missiles struck the Kyiv region last weekend after weeks of relative calm around the capital, and an airstrike Monday on a shopping mall in the central city of Kremenchuk killed at

least 19 people.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed outrage over Friday's attack.

"These missiles, Kh-22, were designed to destroy aircraft carriers and other large warships, and the Russian army used them against an ordinary nine-story building with ordinary civilian people," he said.

Twenty-one people includ-

ing an 11-year-old boy, his mother and the 42-year-old coach of a children's soccer team were killed, according to Ukrainian news reports. Thirty-eight others, including six children and a pregnant woman, were reported hospitalized. Most of the victims were in the apartment building, Ukrainian emergency officials said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov reiterated that Moscow is not targeting residential areas.

Oleh Zhdanov, an independent Ukrainian military analyst, said the Russian pullback from Snake Island bears "colossal psychological significance" for Ukraine.

"Snake Island is key for controlling the Black Sea and could help cover the Russian attack if the Kremlin opted for an amphibious landing operation in Odesa or elsewhere in the region," he said. "Now those plans are pushed back."

Ukraine's military claimed a barrage of its artillery and missiles forced the Russians to flee the island in two small speedboats. The exact number of troops withdrawn was not disclosed.

Early in the war, the island became a symbol of Ukrainian defiance. □

Rights group: Palestinians torture detainees with impunity



Palestinian riot police and security officers in plainclothes clash with demonstrators following a rally protesting the death of Palestinian Authority outspoken critic Nizar Banat, in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Saturday, June 26, 2021.

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Palestinian authorities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip systematically torture

critics in detention, a practice that could amount to crimes against humanity, an international rights

group said Friday.

Human Rights Watch called in its report for donor countries to cut off funding to Palestinian security forces that commit such crimes and urged the International Criminal Court to investigate. The report alleged that Palestinian security forces "use solitary confinement and beatings, including whipping their feet, and force detainees into painful stress positions for prolonged periods, including hoisting their arms behind their backs with cables or rope, to punish and intimidate critics and opponents and elicit confessions."

HRW's report comes a year after the death of Nizar Banat, an outspoken critic of the Palestinian Author-

ity, whose family says he died after security forces stormed his residence in the middle of the night and beat him with metal batons. His death sparked weeks of protests against the PA, which governs parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Palestinian security forces violently dispersed some of those protests..

Amnesty International said last week that the Palestinian Authority has failed to hold its security forces accountable for the death. Palestinian authorities arrested 14 officers last summer and are trying them in a military court, but have taken no action against top commanders.

"More than a year after beating to death Nizar

Banat, the Palestinian Authority continues to arrest and torture critics and opponents," said Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine director at Human Rights Watch.

"Systematic abuse by the PA and Hamas forms a critical part of the repression of the Palestinian people."

The group listed Palestinians who it said had been arbitrarily arrested in the aftermath of Banat's death.

HRW said security forces are not held to account for the alleged torture and that given their systematic nature over many years, the practice could amount to crimes against humanity. Palestine is part of the Convention Against Torture, which requires members to work to prevent torture. □

Starting 8th of July

Aruba stops mandatory Covid-19 insurance for visitors

In July 2020, Aruba opened its borders once again to visitors from the United States and started the Aruba Visitors Insurance. This was an innovation in the middle of the pandemic, which was later followed by other destinations. This insurance was mandatory for all visitors and this way, it was made sure that every case in which a tourist tested positive during their stay could count with, among other things, coverage for accommodation for isolation, transportation, Covid test, doctor's cost, hospital and ICU.

For a few months already there was contact with insurance companies, indicating that this insurance would be maintained for as long as CDC has the requirement for a mandatory test before entering the United States. Recently, CDC announced that the requirement for test has ended, and on that moment, Aruba Tourism Authority presented a request on the platform of National Crisis to stop the mandatory insurance of \$15 for every tourist.



Starting 8th July 2022, the mandatory insurance will be eliminated. Every person who bought their insurance before the 8th of July will remain insured until their departure. Must note that this insurance is non-refundable for those who have already purchased it for an

arrival before the 8th of July.

At the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, traditional travel insurance was not covering Covid-19. Meanwhile this has changed, and A.T.A. keeps advising all visitors to come to Aruba with a travel insur-

ance and for this to be an insurance that also covers Covid.

It is important to mention that the online ED card will remain mandatory before visiting Aruba.

Health minister Dangui Oduber met with members of PAHO regarding health project



Yesterday morning, Aruban minister of Tourism and Public Health, Mr. Dangui Oduber had a meeting with members of the Pan American Health Organization. This meeting was regarding various projects that are to be executed in the following months.

Pan American Health Organization was always a big help in the local health sector. Aruba has been working together for many years, in order to better the service and quality of health in Aruba. Currently, the government is working on various policies for prevention, in which NCDs

(Non-Communicable Diseases) have a big role.

In 2006, PAHO did a study in Aruba with various issues that were brought forwards, and this was used to generate data regarding the health of the people of Aruba. Together with PAHO, the Ministry of Public

Health will be organizing a study which will take place at the beginning of 2023, and will be used as a baseline to obtain data about the local community.

It is expected that this project will consist of data for around five thousand people in the local community, and will be done per household. Projects like this one are extremely important in order to be able to implement public health measures in time and efficiently.

Minister Dangui Oduber is proud of the cooperation between PAHO and Aruba, seeing that during the meeting Aruba received a lot of compliments for being constantly busy in a proactive way in the area of prevention in health care. Prevention is a priority for the minister, according to a government's press release, and surely together this can be achieved. Soon, more information will be shared regarding the above-mentioned study.



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Aqua Grill restaurant: The taste of New England with Caribbean flair

ORANJESTAD — One thing is for certain: Chef Scott Scheuerman and his team are famous for getting people hooked, just like the fish on your plate. You will get the taste of home fused with Caribbean while dining in elegance. Scheuerman will tell how Aqua Grill established its name since opening in 2002, and why it reaped accolades from such prestigious travel publications as Fodor's, who says, "This hip restaurant is heaven on earth for seafood lovers, who will find fresh fish galore..." Now is your chance to taste Aqua Grill's NEW seasonal menu and create a lifetime culinary memory.

'A Scheuer thing'

Secretly, we all know that the success of a restaurant begins in the kitchen. That is where the chef creates his magic and for Aqua Grill the culinary team has won an assortment of awards for their continuous delivery of 'haute-cuisine del mar.' Classic seafood is mingled with contemporary ideas resulting in surpris-



ing dishes that soon made the restaurant a must-dine, confirmed by established travel media specialists like Fodor's and Frommer's. American-born Scheuerman, executive chef of Aqua Grill, is thrilled about 'his restaurant'. "We started out as a New England style seafood restaurant, patterned after Boston style. But we quickly blended into some Caribbean, local flair... if you will. We do still offer the traditional New England dishes like whole Maine lobster, northern seafood plates like the salmon, tuna and swordfish. We buy also from the local fisherman to offer Caribbean dishes like snapper and grouper which are number one sellers in our restaurant being the most prevalent local fishes. Catches like wahoo, mahi mahi and brasil are welcome too, anything that comes out of the water we embrace."

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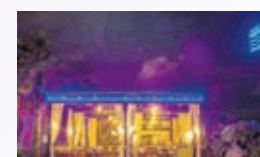
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Construction of roundabout Palm Beach

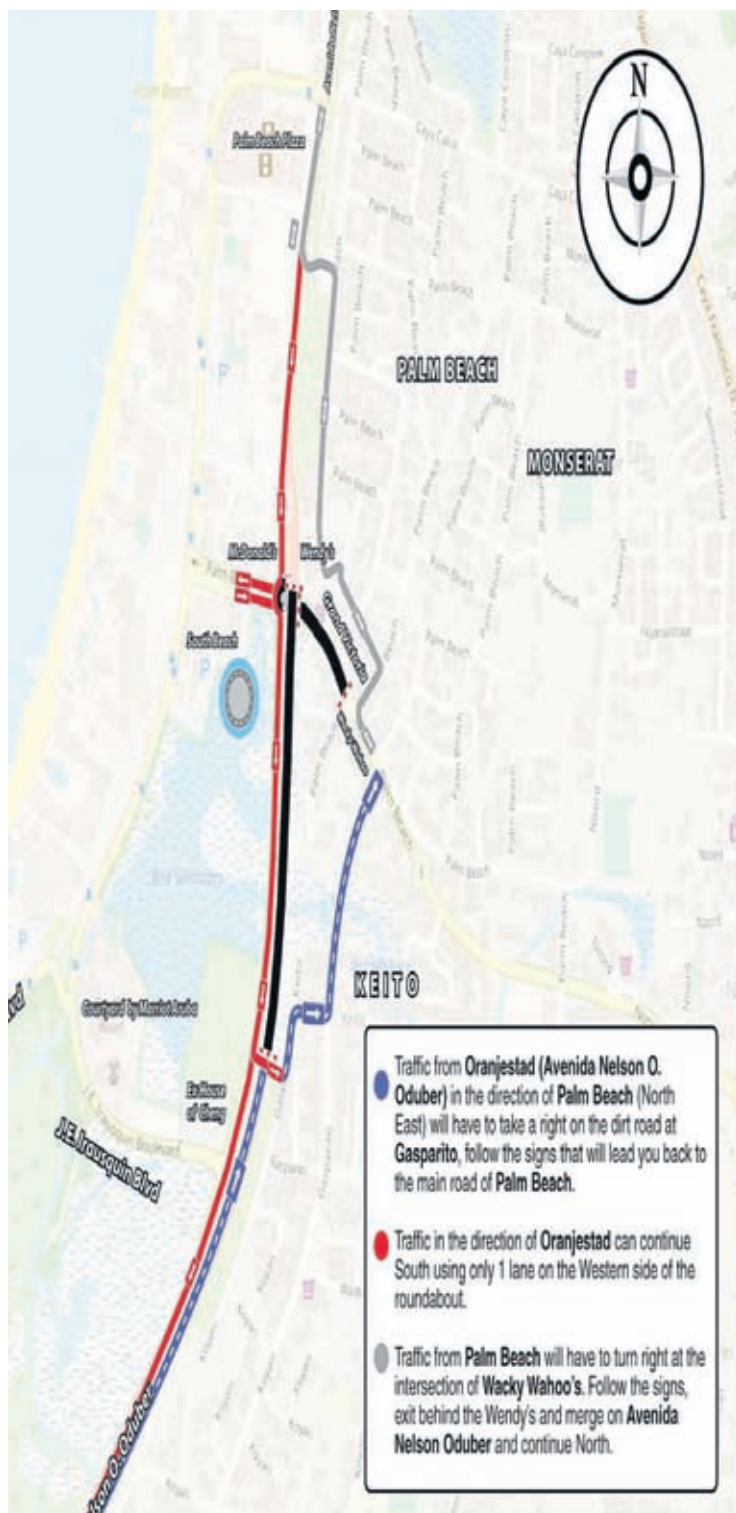
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pre-industrial revolution technology (planting cane and producing sugar, which they had learned from Madeirans) to slaves from other African regions, and did so in their language, Cape Verde Creole (Cape Verdean language), hence the language implanted in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Unlike many interesting stories, wanting to link Papiamentu directly to Portuguese, Galician or Castil-

ian (see Papiamentu, on Wikipedia - Portuguese version and Spanish version, where the Portuguese and Spanish, each claim the direct origin of Papiamentu), in fact, this is not true. Papiamentu is not direct from Portuguese, Galician or Castilian, it is from the Cape Verde Creole family (Cape Verdean language). You can see this best when it's saying obscene words and offending someone, precisely as they say today in both ABC and Cape Verde islands. The obscene words kept the original, had no lexical influence either from Castilian or Dutch. Also the PapiCristang of Malacca, the Patuá of Macau, and several creoles from the east (from Daman, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia) and Africa (Casamança, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, these last two releases to the English), all originated in the Creole of Cabo Verde (Cape Verdean language), which was the French language spoken in Portuguese feitorias on the coast of Africa (from Senegal to Sierra Leone), and which was taken east by the thousands of cable - Verdeans (linings and slaves, already Christianized and speaking Creole) who served as sailors and "slaves of arms" in Portuguese caravels, demanding the east. I don't know why the official history

of Portugal usually omits this fact, which is in the chronicles of the quincentist chroniclers, but which we never saw in the history of Portugal that we study from primary education to higher education. However, it has always been tried to deceive us, in colonial time, that we were descendants of Viriato (Iberian hero in the fight against the Romans) and the pastors of the Hermini Mountains, but not much speaking of our black-African ancestry.

We Cape Verdeans understand each other very well with these Antillans and Easterns, whose language is from the same Creole family of Cape Verde (Cape Verdean language), speaking their Creole and we ours. Therefore, Papiamentu, PapiCristang, PatuáMacaense and the creoles of Cape Verde (Cape Verdean language), said of Portuguese origin, Daman, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, some locations in the Philippines and some places in Indonesia, are creoles of the language family Cape Verde Creole (Cape Verdean language) and indirectly the Galaico-Duriense or Galaico-Portuguese, a language that the people spoke in Portugal in the 6th and 7th century.

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Meet Ayrton Tromp: From restless child to disciplined photographer

From a restless child who was bored with everything, to one of the most sought-after professional photographers in Aruba. We're talking about Ayrton Tromp (25), who thanks to his parents' 'no', learned to appreciate all that he can achieve on his own: From nature photographer to photographer for His Majesty King Willem Alexander of the Netherlands and his wife Queen Maxima. All this in only ten years.

Ayrton was always artistic, but easily distracted. When he was 11 years old already he realized he could work easier with images. And when he was 14, he expressed to his parents that he wanted to try photography. But because Ayrton was never consistent with what he started, his parents didn't want to give him what he wanted, and surely not invest in a camera, which isn't cheap. Consequently, the 14 year old decided to go to the supermarket close to his house and get a job during his vacation, and for weeks he filled bags of groceries. That way he saved and got 1,500 florin, and Ayrton went to Boolchand's, and so the photographer was born.

"I was very ashamed to talk about what I did. In the beginning, I was influenced by friends and watched how my friends got the latest phone, the latest computer. But my parents didn't want to buy the camera, because I was the kid who didn't stick to anything. After

a few months of doing something, I would get fed up." And know, Ayrton understands, because he got tired with everything he did before.

Ayrton started taking pictures of plants, flowers, animals, and all that surrounded him at home. And using Facebook, he shared his pictures, which caught attention right away. "Recently someone asked me when I'm going to go back to nature photography", he commented. [red. On the day of the interview, Ayrton published some nature images, with the comment that he decided to go back to his roots, for a moment.]

Currently, most of his energy goes into his work. Photography is his hobby, but it's also his responsibility. And what always remains, from the beginning, is his own style. "Those who know me know that I never want to be like someone else. I want something different. I want to be apart. I never want to imitate another. I can say that I could come up with a way to present an image in a different way." Even though it was a risk, it worked for Ayrton, because his style opened doors to him. "I managed for people to recognize my pictures without me having to put my name. For me, it's weird because I just do something I like. Logically I'm happy, but I don't know how I managed. I think it's because I really like photography and I give it hundred percent of myself in it."



It didn't take long for the young nature photographer to get commercial opportunities. He was in secondary school when he received his first offer for a commercial job. "I was sixteen, in the middle of exams, and my mom was helping me reply to the person to tell them that at that moment I had to focus on school." But the opportunities didn't stop, and once he was in higher education (EPI), as a 17 year old, Ayrton started to combine work with school. Each free hour he spent working on photography, for magazines and even for Aruba Tourism Authority.

Ayrton was even invited to take pictures during the Royal Visit. "I skipped school to be able to do the job. The other students were asking me if I knew what I was doing, because EPI requires presence at school, which counts towards your grades. On top of it, my own mother was a teacher at EPI." Even so, Ayrton took the risk and got the opportunity to document the visit of King Willem Alexander and Queen Maxima, and even found himself presenting a gift to the royal couple. "I was doing what I really liked. And remember, I didn't even have a driver's license, so I had to walk to get to the photoshoots."

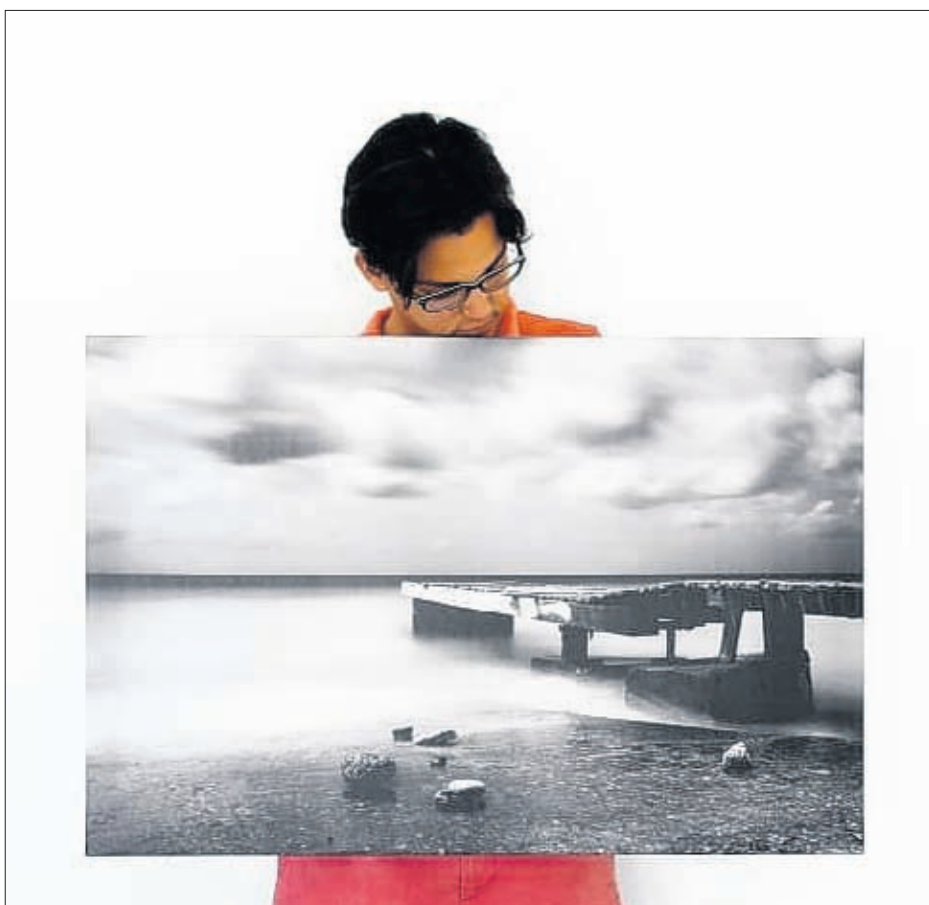
When Ayrton turned 18, he knew he had to start his own company. And the Chamber of Commerce didn't believe in him, and wanted to put the company in his mother's name. But the young man was determined, because without a company registry from the Chamber of Commerce he wasn't allowed to take on jobs. But the institution indicated that he needed to have Afl. 10,000 cash in his account to be

able to open his company. "Now I know that wasn't necessary. But I had to wait a few months until I could gather Afl. 10,000 and so start my own company."

And in the next six years, Ayrton expanded his portfolio with pictures of weddings and other events. He received a lot of guidance from other professional photographers, who he admires, including Luis Mejia, Crooze Photographers, and Kenneth Theysen. But always with his own style, creating a bond with his customers. "I want to know my clients, I want to keep my job fun." Because to achieve quality and reputation is easy, that's his talent and desire; but the job requires contact, meeting the client's demands, and deliver a good product. "Work ethic is extremely important. Everything has to go smoothly."

And so the young man who was bored with everything found his rhythm. A profession that carries risk became his anchor, which helped him brave even the pandemic, when there was no job and no security. And his mom? She's his bigger supporter and is happy that her son worked for his own things himself. Because of this, Ayrton appreciates the value of his job. "Everything I have today, I worked for myself. My parents had to make me work for my things. My mom is super proud."

His vision for the future is to get the opportunity to explore each corner of the world and continue encountering more culture, other countries. "Practically I want to travel and take pictures."



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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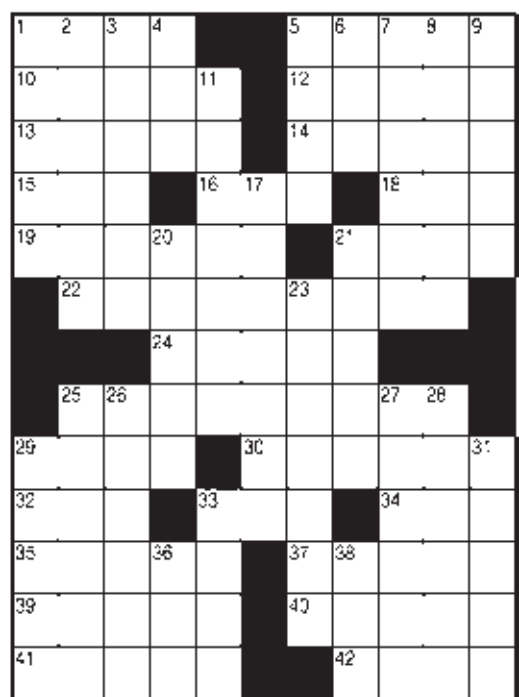
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Liz Weston: 3 lessons I wish I'd learned sooner about travel



People look at a United Airlines flight leaving for Newark, NJ, at Fiumicino's Leonardo Da Vinci airport, near Rome, Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. Experience may be the best teacher when traveling.

Associated Press

By LIZ WESTON of NerdWallet

Almost every trip teaches me something about myself, the world and what not to do next time. Here are three hard-won travel lessons that may help you learn from my mistakes.

COBBLING TOGETHER FLIGHTS ISN'T WORTH THE SAVINGS

Whenever possible, I book nonstop flights. Nonstops may cost a bit more, but they avoid the inconvenience of layovers and the stress of possibly missing a connection.

Sometimes, of course, non-stop flights aren't available or affordable. What you don't want to do, I learned through bitter experience, is try to save money by booking flight legs with different, unaffiliated airlines — especially if you're dealing with luggage or customs. In 2017, my husband, daughter and I flew to London and then Barcelona, Spain. That part went fine; it was coming back that became a nightmare. The Barcelona-to-London flight was delayed. When we landed at Heathrow Airport in London, we learned we

had to pick up our luggage at baggage claim, go through customs, check our bags at another airline's ticket counter in a different terminal, get through security and sprint to the gate to make our connection — all in about an hour.

Somehow, incredibly, we made our flight home, but my heart didn't stop pounding until we were well over the Atlantic Ocean. Now I make sure to book through a single airline and its partners. Our luggage is checked through to our final destination, and flight delays become the airline's problem to fix.

ENSURE YOU'RE INSURED

For years I blithely traipsed around the world, not thinking about what might happen if I got sick or injured far from home. Then my father suffered a stroke while visiting his sister in Florida. The medical evacuation flight to get him back to his home in Washington state, with the required attendant and other necessary medical care, would have cost over \$100,000.

Sadly, he never recovered enough to make such a flight. But I realized how vul-

nerable I'd been, especially traveling in places with poor medical care. Now I make sure that whenever we're away from home, we have travel insurance that includes medical evacuation. If we're traveling outside the U.S., I ensure we have health insurance coverage as well.

These days, travelers also have to worry about COVID-19. Although the U.S. has dropped its requirement that incoming travelers produce a negative COVID-19 test, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises against traveling if you have symptoms or test positive. That could mean a week or two of unexpected hotel and meal costs, so I make sure our travel insurance covers COVID-related expenses and that the "travel delay" portion has a high limit — such as \$250 per person per day.

Other things can go wrong on a trip: flight delays and cancellations, lost baggage, accidents in rental cars. I charge all of our travel on credit cards that provide coverage for such minor disasters. I particularly like the kind of rental car coverage that's primary, meaning that your auto insurer never needs to know you caused an accident or damaged the rental car. Many cards offer secondary coverage, which typically means your insurer has to be notified and the card pays only what your insurance doesn't, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

This is a lesson I didn't have to learn the hard way: The one time a rental car agency tried to bill me for a door ding, I notified my credit card company. I have no idea if the claim was paid or dropped; I just know that I didn't have to deal with it after that.

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WHO: COVID-19 cases rising nearly everywhere in the world



Pediatrician Emy Jean-Marie, center, holds her nine-month-old son Adedeji Adebayo, Emiola Adebayo, 3, on her lap as Dr. Nizar Dowla, right, administers a vaccine while Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Health, Admiral Rachel Levine, left, looks on, Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the Borinquen Health Care Center in Miami.

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The number of new coronavirus cases rose by 18% in the last week, with more than 4.1 million cases reported globally, according to the World Health Organization. The U.N. health agency said in its latest weekly report on the pandemic that the worldwide number of deaths remained relatively similar to the week before, at about 8,500. COVID-related deaths increased in three regions: the Middle East, Southeast Asia and the Americas.

The biggest weekly rise in new COVID-19 cases was seen in the Middle East, where they increased by 47%, according to the report released late Wednesday. Infections rose by about 32% in Europe and Southeast Asia, and by about 14% in the Americas, WHO said. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said cases were on the rise in 110 countries, mostly driven by the omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5.

"This pandemic is changing, but it's not over," Tedros said this week during a press briefing. He said the ability to track COVID-19's genetic evolution was "un-

der threat" as countries relaxed surveillance and genetic sequencing efforts, warning that would make it more difficult to catch emerging and potentially dangerous new variants. He called for countries to immunize their most vulnerable populations, including health workers and people over 60, saying that hundreds of millions remain unvaccinated and at risk of severe disease and death. Tedros said that while more than 1.2 billion COVID-19

vaccines have been administered globally, the average immunization rate in poor countries is about 13%.

"If rich countries are vaccinating children from as young as 6 months old and planning to do further rounds of vaccination, it is incomprehensible to suggest that lower-income countries should not vaccinate and boost their most at risk (people)," he said. According to figures compiled by Oxfam and the

People's Vaccine Alliance, fewer than half of the 2.1 billion vaccines promised to poorer countries by the Group of Seven large economies have been delivered.

Earlier this month, the United States authorized COVID-19 vaccines for infants and preschoolers, rolling out a national immunization plan targeting 18 million of the youngest children. American regulators also recommended that some adults get updated boosters in the fall that match the latest coronavirus variants. □

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Lampaert wins first Tour de France stage in the rain

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Although Belgian rider Yves Lampaert caused a surprise by winning the Tour de France opening stage, two-time defending champion Tadej Pogacar wouldn't have been bothered at finishing third on Friday.

His priority was testing his race legs and placing ahead of his Slovenian countryman and main rival Primož Roglič, the 2020 runner-up, who was eighth in the time trial.

"I'm feeling confident, satisfied, even though it was tense and tight for me," Pogacar said. "It's still one of my best Tour starts."

Lampaert is a former world champion in team time trial but this was his first stage win at the three-week Tour. He clocked 15 minutes, 17 seconds on the 13-kilometer (eight-mile) route around Copenhagen.

The Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl rider was five seconds ahead of countryman Wout van Aert — Roglič's Jumbo-Visma teammate — and seven ahead of Pogacar, who leads UAE Team Emirates. Pogacar was a measly nine seconds clear of Roglič.

Lampaert could scarcely believe it when he realized he won, wiping away tears



Belgium's Yves Lampaert rides during the first stage of the Tour de France cycling race, an individual time trial over 13.2 kilometers (8.2 miles) with start and finish in Copenhagen, Denmark, Friday, July 1, 2022.

Associated Press

and putting his hands on his mouth.

He couldn't believe another thing, either, beating Van Aert — a three-time cyclo-cross world champion, multiple one-day classics winner and two-time national time trial champ.

"I beat the great Van Aert! It's unbelievable for me, I never thought about wearing the yellow jersey. My head's exploding," Lampaert said. "I was expecting to finish in the top 10. That would have been very

good, and now I've beaten all the best."

The rain was teeming when Roglič finished under grey skies shortly after 4:30 p.m., and still lashing when Pogacar set off around 40 minutes later. Even though he is a specialist in the wet, Pogacar looked cautious taking the first turn.

It might have cost him victory.

Riders set off to loud cheers. "There was so much noise you could hardly hear anything in the earpiece,"

French rider David Gaudu said.

The noise level went up again when local rider Jonas Vingegaard — Roglič's teammate and the Tour runner-up last year — rolled down the start ramp. He placed seventh, one second ahead of Roglič.

Large parts of the Danish capital were shut down. The wet roads made the route treacherous — especially the section across the square of Amalienborg Palace, the main residence

of Denmark's royal family, which is paved with cobblestones.

Swiss rider Stefan Bissegger fell off twice, but continued.

The stage went past the city's other best known landmarks, including the Little Mermaid statue, sitting on her perch at the entrance of the harbor.

Among the thousands of fans, some waving the red-and-white Danish flag, was Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen.

"I grew up with my dad being glued to the television screen to watch Tour de France," Frederiksen said.

Earlier, Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik rode the route.

"It is great to see the great support for the Tour at home," said the 54-year-old Frederik, sporting a helmet, shorts and a T-shirt. The palace also published Instagram vintage photos of Danish royals riding bicycles, including Frederik's great grandfather, King Christian X and the current Queen Margrethe.

There are two more stages in Denmark this weekend, including crossing the Great Belt Bridge that links the Zealand island, where Copenhagen sits, and the central isle of Funen. □

NBA says take-foul penalty will change at summer leagues



NBA Commissioner Adam Silver speaks at the start of the the NBA basketball draft, Thursday, June 23, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

The NBA has sent another strong indicator that the penalty for transition take fouls is about to change. Such fouls will result in a

penalty of one free throw, plus retention of the ball, at all three summer leagues this season — first the two smaller ones in San Francisco and Salt Lake City that start this weekend, then the

30-team one in Las Vegas that opens next week.

Changing the rule at the NBA level has been mulled for several years, with momentum moving toward finally making something happen in recent months. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver told The Associated Press last month that he expects the oft-maligned foul to come with stiffer penalties next season.

That move is likely to come when the NBA's board of governors meets later this month. "I am confident that we'll see a change," Silver said in the AP interview. "I would not say I'm overconfident that it will be the last change, even though this is a rule that we've been experimenting with in the G

League for last four years."

The play occurs when a defender intentionally commits a foul to halt a transition opportunity for the opposition. Typically, such a foul only has resulted in the disadvantaged team taking the ball out of bounds. But since 2018, in the G League, when a defender commits a take foul, the fouled team retains possession and gets one free throw before play resumes. "I think the take foul needs to be abolished as soon as humanly possible," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said during the playoffs.

The G League and Summer League are the traditional testing labs for the NBA before making rule changes or amending policies. Among

those that started at those levels and eventually got to the NBA; the coaches' challenge, plus resetting the 24-second shot clock to 14 seconds in offensive rebound situations.

Other changes coming to the three summer leagues: The NBA will test new policies where referees have limitations on initiating replay reviews; referees will not have the ability to initiate reviews of goaltending or basket interference during the final 2 minutes of fourth quarters and overtime; and in Las Vegas only, a light will be installed at the scorer's table to announce that a scoring change is forthcoming based on the replay center's review of a completed play. □

Wimbledon wild-card entry outside top 100 gets Djokovic next

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WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— It is, to be sure, the stuff of movies: An oft-injured guy ranked outside the top 100, making his Grand Slam debut thanks to a wild card, knocks out two seeded players on his way to a fourth-round matchup at Wimbledon against none other than No. 1 Novak Djokovic, the three-time defending champion.

We can guess what Hollywood might do with that script. Tim van Rijthoven, a 25-year-old Dutchman, earned the chance to see what will happen in real life across the net from Djokovic after both men won in straight sets Friday at the All England Club.

"Before the tournament started, it was a dream for me to play him, basically. So to be able to have that chance, and to maybe even play on Centre Court or Court 1, is beautiful and magical," van Rijthoven said after beating No. 22 Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 on Court 12, with its capacity of 1,736, to become the first wild-card entry since 2015 to get to the round of 16 at Wimbledon. "I go into every match thinking I can win the match," said van Rijthoven, whose baseline-based style eliminated No. 15 Reilly Opelka earlier in the week. "Also, against Djokovic, I'll go into that match thinking I can



Tim van Rijthoven of the Netherlands serves to Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili in a third round men's singles match on day five of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Friday, July 1, 2022. Associated Press

win that match."

Actually, until June, the backward-ballcap-wearing van Rijthoven never had won a match on the ATP Tour. Since then, he hasn't lost one, going 8-0, including a victory over current No. 1 Daniil Medvedev to claim the trophy at a grass-court event in the Netherlands.

"It's been a long one. I've had my ups and downs, injuries here and there. Also struggled mentally," said van Rijthoven, whose health issues included wrist surgery, a procedure on a vein in his right arm because of thrombosis and nine months healing from

"golfer's elbow" that he noted with a smile he incurred from playing tennis.

"I'm just happy to be in the place I am right now," he said. "I hope to be there for a couple more years — or a lot more years, actually." If he's an unknown to most, he is not to Djokovic, who grabbed the initial seven games and then six of seven in a strong stretch later on, during a 6-0, 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 22 Miomir Kecmanovic at nearly 15,000-seat Centre Court. That's in part because Djokovic is pals with van Rijthoven's coach, Igor Sijsling.

And in part because he's

been keeping an eye on the guy.

So Djokovic offered a bit of a scouting report.

"His game, from what I've seen, is quite suitable to this surface. His big serve, one-handed backhand. Uses the slice well. He's an all-around player. He can play fast, he can also stay in the rally and come to the net," said Djokovic, who seemed to enjoy the sunny, breezy conditions in the afternoon, compiling a 36-13 edge in winners against his Serbian Davis Cup teammate. "I'm sure he's excited to play on a big stage. He doesn't have much to lose. He's on his dream run. He's a young

player that is just starting, so I'm sure his career will be very good."

Other men's fourth-round matchups set up for the middle Sunday — traditionally an off day, that is now a scheduled day of play for the first time in the tournament's 145-year history — are No. 5 Carlos Alcaraz vs. No. 10 Jannik Sinner, No. 23 Frances Tiafoe vs. David Goffin, and No. 30 Tommy Paul vs. No. 9 Cam Norrie. Djokovic is eyeing a seventh career title at Wimbledon and 21st major championship overall. Only one other man on the top half of the bracket ever has been to the fourth round at the All England Club in the past: Goffin.

And Djokovic is the only man still around who reached last year's quarter-finals.

"I've been playing better and better as the tournament progresses," Djokovic said. "I always expect the highest of myself."

Women's fourth-rounders Sunday are No. 3 Ons Jabeur vs. No. 24 Elise Mertens, No. 12 Jelena Ostapenko vs. Tatjana Maria, Marie Bouzkova vs. Caroline Garcia, and Heather Watson vs. Julie Niemeier. One of those players will play for the championship; the only one who's ever participated in a Grand Slam singles final previously is 2017 French Open champion Ostapenko. □

Aaron Judge, Ronald Acuña Jr. elected MLB All-Star starters

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge and Atlanta Braves outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. were elected Thursday to start in the July 19 All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium. The pair were chosen under new rules that give starting spots to the top vote-getter in each league in the first phase of online voting, which began June 8 and ended Thursday. Others advanced to the second phase, which runs from noon EDT on Tuesday and ends at 2 p.m. EDT on July 8. Votes from the first phase do not carry over.

Starters will be announced July 8, and pitchers and reserves on July 10.

Judge received 3.76 million votes and was elected to start for the fourth time. Acuña led the NL with 3.5 million votes and was elected to start for the third time.

AL finalists:

Catcher: Alejandro Kirk, Jose Trevino

First Base: Ty France, Vladimir Guerrero Jr.

Second Base: Jose Altuve, Santiago Espinal

Third Base: Rafael Devers, José Ramírez

Outfield: Mike Trout, George Springer, Giancar-

lo Stanton, Lourdes Gurriel Jr.

Designated Hitter: Yordan Alvarez, Shohei Ohtani

NL finalists:

Catcher: Willson Contreras, Travis d'Arnaud

First Base: Paul Goldschmidt, Pete Alonso

Second Base: Ozzie Albies, Jazz Chisholm Jr.

Third Base: Manny Machado, Nolan Arenado

Shortstop: Trea Turner, Dansby Swanson

Outfield: Mookie Betts, Joc Pederson, Starling Marte, Adam Duvall

Designated Hitter: Bryce Harper, William Contreras □



New York Yankees' Aaron Judge tosses his bat after hitting a winning home run against the Houston Astros during the 10th inning of a baseball game, Sunday, June 26, 2022, in New York. Associated Press

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